

Appl. No. 09/865,238  
Amendment after Notice of Appeal dated January 9, 2006  
Reply To Office Action of September 20, 2005

### REMARKS

#### Claim Status

Claims 1-23 remain pending.

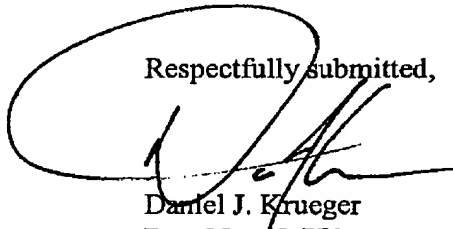
Claims 10 and 14 have been amended into independent form. The amendments to these claims do not change their scope.

#### Conclusion

This amendment is filed to place the application in better condition for appeal. If there are any questions regarding this amendment, the reader is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769/1789-04801/HDJK.

Respectfully submitted,



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